

THE NUTCAST



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Navel Orange Worm (NOW)

The Almond Board produced another great article for growers. Here are four tips for controlling **NOW**:

Timing: spring sprays should be applied late April to mid-May if your orchard has history of high NOW damage & trap captures.

Calibration: make sure your sprayers are properly set.

Speed: optimize coverage by moving at the recommended two miles per hour.

Spray Volume: research shows that using 200 gallons per acre at proper speed maximizes effectiveness.

The Almond Board recommends working closely with your PCAs to determine your field needs.

The entire article can be found at <http://newsroom.almonds.com/content/control-now-management-season-these-four-tips>



MARKET REPORT

Almond Board writes today: "For the second year in a row, the USDA National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS) is predicting a record California almond crop for the upcoming production year.

According to the NASS [2019 California Almond Subjective Forecast](#) issued today, California almond orchards are expected to produce 2.50 billion pounds, up 8.69% from last year. NASS predicts the average tonnage per acre will be 2,140, down from last year's prediction of 2,150 per acre. Their backing for the 2.5 billion pound estimate is that bearing acres are up from last year. Keep in mind, the subjective estimate is based on telephone conversations with growers. The more accurate estimate will be announced in July when surveyors open and count almonds from over 850 orchards up and down the state." Although we did not experience optimal weather during the bloom, it seems the trees may produce well anyway.



remaining 1.4 million pounds between now and the end of July leaving us with a small carry-in for next season. A little to no carry-in puts VHN in a good situation because most orders taken in September and October specify 'new crop only'.

Every year has a different aspect and this year proves that accurate once again. The most interesting fact of the year: nonpareil, carmel

and mission type almonds have been selling with compressed pricing. This means the monetary difference between nonpareil prices and mission prices is much smaller than last year. The only explanation given for this is that consumers have found ways to replace the nonpareil (expensive) almond with the mission type (least expensive) almond. This has lowered the nonpareil price overall.

As for now, almonds are still selling. Prices are about the same as they were one month ago. Customers consistently call us and we are producing and shipping product. Life is good.

The almond industry has shipped 68% of available product whereas Valley Harvest has shipped 70%. Our goal is to sell the

Yields Per Acre

California Department of Food and Agriculture annually publishes an [Almond Acreage Report](#). After documenting their numbers for the last few years, this chart is a visual of what they have stated. It compares estimated total acreages (bearing & non-bearing) to actual total acreages AND estimated bearing vs. estimated non-bearing acreages. Enjoy.

